

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND

The Achievement Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee was created during the 2009 Legislature by Second Substitute Senate Bill 5973 to continue to address the achievement gap in Washington State. The committee was charged to: 1) synthesize the findings and recommendations from the five 2008 Achievement Gap Studies into an implementation plan; and 2) recommend policies and strategies to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Professional Educator Standards Board, and the State Board of Education in the following areas:

- Supporting and facilitating parent and community involvement and outreach.
- Enhancing the cultural competency of current and future educators and the cultural relevance of curriculum and instruction.
- Expanding pathways and strategies to prepare and recruit diverse teachers and administrators.
- Recommending current programs and resources that should be redirected to narrow the gap.
- Identifying data elements and systems needed to monitor progress in closing the gap.
- Making closing the achievement gap part of the school and school district improvement process.
- Exploring innovative school models that have shown success in closing the achievement gap.

Members of the Committee

- Adie Simmons, Director, Office of the Education Ombudsman
- Bernie Thomas, Representative for Native American Affairs
- Erin Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement, OSPI
- Fiasili Savusa, Representative for Pacific Islander American Affairs
- Frieda Takamura, Representative for Asian American Affairs
- Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Rep. Dave Quall, State Representative, Chair, House Education Committee
- Rep. Kevin Parker, State Representative, Ranking Minority Member, House Education Committee
- Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos, State Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House
- Uriel Iniguez, Representative for Hispanic Affairs
- Sen. Claudia Kauffman, State Senator, appointed by the President of the Senate
- Sen. Curtis King, State Senator, Chair, Early Learning K-12 Education Committee
- Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe, State Senator, Chair, Early Learning K-12 Education Committee
- Wanda Brown, Representative for African American Affairs

Facilitator: John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas, OSPI Director of Equity and Civil Rights.

POLICY CONSIDERATION

The Committee has provided the State Board of Education with recommendations for consideration. A presentation will be provided at the meeting to introduce the recommendations to the Board.

EXPECTED ACTION

Consideration of the Committee's recommendations.